

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2006. In the Office Action, claims 1-8, 21 and 22 were allowed, claims 9-12 were rejected and claims 13-18 were objected to. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. With this Amendment, claims 9 and 21 are amended. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims 1-18, 21 and 22 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 9-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kameyama (US 6,330,134). Claim 9 is amended. It is respectfully submitted that claims 9-12 are allowable over the cited reference as reciting claim elements not taught or suggested. Although Kameyama discloses a curved surface 56B which can be formed from cutting away a portion of the substrate of the head slider 56, it is respectfully submitted that Kameyama fails to teach or suggest "an adhesive receiving feature formed on a mounting surface of the slider that is enclosed by a bottom end and surrounding side surfaces and has an open top end adjacent the mounting surface" as claimed in claim 9. In addition, claims 10-12 are also in condition for allowance at least based on their dependence on claim 9.

Claim 21 has been amended to correct typographical errors and antecedent basis.

It is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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